



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

**SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG
FOR THE FEAST OF
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**



4 August 2024

6:00 p.m.

All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.

A sentence of Scripture appropriate to the day is read, or an Introit is sung.

The Minister then says:

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Answer: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Preces and Responses: Thomas Ebdon (1738–1811)

Then shall be sung the Psalms as be appointed, by the choir. The people sit.

PSALM 72

1. Give the King thy judgements, O God:
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
2. Then shall he judge thy people according unto right:
and defend the poor.
3. The mountains also shall bring peace:
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.
4. He shall keep the simple folk by their right:
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.
5. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth:
from one generation to another.
6. He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool:
even as the drops that water the earth.
7. In his time shall the righteous flourish:
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.
8. His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other:
and from the flood unto the world's end.

9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him:
his enemies shall lick the dust.
10. The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents:
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
11. All kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall do him service.
12. For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth:
the needy also, and him that hath no helper.
13. He shall be favourable to the simple and needy:
and shall preserve the souls of the poor.
14. He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong:
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
15. He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia:
prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be
praised.
16. There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills:
his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city
like grass upon the earth.
17. His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under
the sun among the posterities:
which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall
praise him.
18. Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel:
which only doeth wondrous things;
19. And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever:
and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

All stand for the Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Chant: James Turle (1802–1882)

Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.

Here begins the 19th chapter of the first book of the Kings:

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.'

Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'

Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.'

He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.

The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.'

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars,

and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the LORD said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.’

1 Kings 19: 1–16

Here ends the first lesson.

All stand for the Office Hymn:

1. O vision blest of heavenly light,
Which meets the three disciples' sight,
When on the holy mount they see
Their Lord's transfigured majesty.
2. More bright than day his raiment shone;
The Father's voice proclaimed the Son
Belov'd before the worlds were made,
For us in mortal flesh arrayed.
3. And with him there on either hand
Lo, Moses and Elijah stand,
To show how Christ, to those who see,
Fulfils both law and prophecy.
4. O Light from light, by love inclined,
Jesu, redeemer of mankind,
Accept thy people's prayer and praise
Which on the mount to thee they raise.
5. Be with us, Lord, as we descend
To walk with thee to journey's end,
That through thy cross we too may rise,
And share thy triumph in the skies.
6. To thee, O Father; Christ, to thee,
Let praise and endless glory be,
With whom the Spirit we adore,
One Lord, one God, for evermore. Amen.

*Words: G. B. Timms (1910–97)
Music: 'St Bartholomew',
Henry Duncalf (c. 1762)*

And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is sung by the choir in English, as followeth, all still standing.

[This Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her response when she learns that she is to become the 'Godbearer' (the 'Theotokos'), the one in and through whom the Son of God first comes to earth. As we repeat her joyful words, we cense the altar, recognising that the Risen Son of God continues to come to and meet with us in the most holy sacrament of the altar at each eucharist. We then cense the clergy and people – as we, now, by the power of the Spirit, become 'Godbearers to the world.]

MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Setting: Carolus Andreas (1632–1704)

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

Here begins the 20th verse of the 12th chapter of the gospel according to John:

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12:20–33

Here ends the second lesson.

And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon), as followeth, all standing.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Setting: Carolus Andreas (1632–1704)

Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing, and facing east.

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice:

**OUR Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.**

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

The Collect for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord:

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:

grant us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may behold him as he is; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In Quires and places where they sing here followeth the Anthem

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.*

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in
flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.*

Words: Hymn at Lauds on the Feast of the Transfiguration
Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

Minister: Let us pray.

All kneel

A Prayer for the King's Majesty.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen *Camilla*, *William* Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, [*specially Philip, Bishop of this Diocese*] and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint [John] Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant

their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

All stand

Hymn

1. Christ, upon the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
With the saints and angels praise him—
Alleluya!
2. Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law
Shout through them their joyful greeting.—
Alleluya!
3. Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as his Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder.—
Alleluya!
4. This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets fade before him;
First and last, and only One,
Let Creation now adore him.
Alleluya!

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Music: 'Christ ist erstanden', 12th century melody,
Harmony chiefly by G. R. Woodward (1848–1934)

The Sermon

*After the Sermon, all stand to sing the following hymn,
during which the priest receives the offerings of the people and blesses them.*

Offertory Hymn

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.

Words: J. Armitage Robinson (1858–1933)

Music: 'Carlisle',
Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

Please remain standing as the choir and ministers depart.

Postlude: *Prélude* (from the *Te Deum*)
Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643–1704)
arr. Christopher Morris (1922–2014)

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



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In our Parish Profile, members of the parish identified that 'our rich choral tradition' was an element of parish life people wished to continue and support.

As you will see above, we are still advertising for talented singers who might receive a choral scholarship to sing in the parish choir.

Parishioners can assist in raising money for this, by donating to the special account we hold for Choir and Music with the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO). Donations, which are tax-deductible, can be made here:
<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/>

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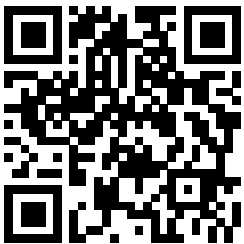
Under 'Select the Fund you wish to donate to', select MACO;
Under 'Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc. (MACO)', select St George's Malvern – Music Fund.

Please **also** note: you are warmly encouraged to speak with any singers you know who may be looking for a friendly, welcoming choir to sing with and join.



Work on the drainage system of the church has reached the end of the first phase – as new pipes have been laid and a new pump installed on the south side of the church. Thus, there is **new cement** along the east-west trajectory between church and hall.

We still need help, however, to continue to meet the cost of this vital restoration and replacement work:



Donations to the St. George's external appeal through the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) are allowable as deductions for tax purposes.

Donations can be made by scanning the QR Code, visiting our website <https://www.stgeorgesmalvern.org/support-donations> or going directly to <http://www.givenow.com.au/stgeorgemalvernroof>

Your full donation will fund this important work as administration and platform costs have been absorbed by the church.

Publicity is vital for the success of this appeal and volunteers are still needed for “Flyer-Drops” in local letterboxes.

Please contact Ravi on 0412 399 897 for how you can assist.

Please **do not** make your cheques payable to St George's but to the **National Trust of Australia (Victoria)** and include a note of your name and the address/email to which you wish the receipt sent.

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.